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Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A.
Chapman, V.D.

JOINED.

Sapper G. Missa joined the Corps on
11.2.16, allotted Corps No. 1970 and
posted to Engineer Company.

Private S. B. Waller joined the Corps
on 12.2.16, allotted Corps No. 1977 and
posted to Scouts Company (No. 1 Sec.).

Sergeant H. G. Hogarty, Scouts Co.,
to be Company Sergeant-Major, vice
Company Sec. Major W. M. Sutherland
(on leave) placed on supernumerary list,
dated 12.2.16.

PARADES.

Parades for Sunday, 13th instant—
8.30 a.m., 8.45 a.m., and 9.10 a.m.
Field Operations, as detailed in Corps
Order No. 4 dated 8.2.16.

8.30 a.m.—Musketry (Part I, only),
both Recruits and Trained men, Engineer
Company, at King's Park Range, as
detailed in Corps Order No. 3 dated
7.2.16.

Parades for Monday, 14th instant—
7.00 a.m. and 8.30 p.m.—Members of
Signalling Section and other Signallers,
as detailed in Signalling Section order
dated 8.2.16—Morse day and Morse
lamp practice at Headquarters.

6.15 p.m.—Musketry Instruction on
Kennedy Road Range for the following
men—Gunnery: A. E. Brown and F. G.
Samways (No. 2 Sec. Arty. Batty).
Privates A. E. Abbot and C. E. O'Neil
(Right Sec. M.G. Co.). Uniform (Drill
Order) to be worn. Service rifles to be
carried. Corn. G. G. G. will
attend.

5.30 p.m.—No. 2 Section Scouts Com-
pany (all members)—Machine Gun
instruction at Headquarters.

DETAIL.

On duty until morning of 18th instant:
H.K.V.R.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

Major Walsman, Commanding H.K.V.R.

FIELD DAY, SUNDAY, THE 13TH INSTANT.
All N.C.O.s. will carry Field glasses and
Note Books.

PARADES FOR THE WEEK ENDING
THE 13TH INSTANT.

A, B, and C Companies on
the Cricket Ground on Friday, the 12th
inst., at 5.15 p.m., for Battalion Drill.
Dress: drill order.

Recruits on the Cricket Ground on
Monday, the 14th inst., Wednesday, the
16th inst., and Thursday, the 17th inst.,
at 5.15 p.m. Dress: drill order.

Signalling Section will parade at
Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, the
14th inst., Wednesday, the 16th inst.,
and Friday, the 18th inst., at 5.15 p.m.
Uniform to be worn.

SUSPENSE.

Members of "D" Co., who are able
to do so, will attend at King's Park
Range on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at
2.15 p.m. to fire Part I. Musketry
Course. Names of those attending to be
sent to the Adjutant by 2 p.m. on
Tuesday, the 15th instant.

DETAIL.

On duty until the morning of the 18th
inst.—"A" Co.

Note: N.C.O.s. and men doing duty
at Tai-ho-wan and Stonecutters will
receive pay according to rank and allow-
ance (in lieu of rations) for the days
they are on duty. O's C. Companies will
submit pay sheets (in duplicate) monthly.

Corpl. A. Edwards reverts to the ranks
at his own request and is posted to Co.
"C" Section 3.

POSTING.

Pte. C. H. P. Hay, having joined, is
allotted Corps No. 596 and is posted to
Co. "B" Section 1.

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Maxim Gunners P. Co., wishing to go
through the Course must at once send their
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MUSKETRY.

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FIELD PRACTICE.

Tuesday 15th, February at 6 p.m.

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FAILURE?

WARNINGS IGNORED.

A striking article by Mr. Ignatius
Phayre, an American, entitled "Is the
Panama Canal a Failure?" appears in the
"Outlook."After referring to the recent land-
slide and the report that the Canal would not
be open again before January, Mr. Phayre
says: "January is here, and finds the pros-
pect more menacing than ever, with 20-inch
suction dredges quite inadequate to deal
with the 'sinking hills' of which our
Minister in the case speaks in a recent
report. In one place the Canal is choked
to a height of 16 feet above the water, and
it will take until next July to remove
the total obstruction. But all estimates of
this badging work are falsified from day to
day, or from season to season."
But will the notorious Canal "never be
finished as a world feature, like the Suez
Canal? I have no hesitation in saying that
here is the greatest embarrassment which
the Washington Administration has ever
known. It is some years since I saw Mr.
Philippe Bunau-Varilla on this subject. He
it was who made heroic efforts to keep the
Panama scheme alive after the dismal
failure of the old concern."

FAILURES PREDICTED.

"Will the Americans succeed where you
French failed?" I put to the late chief
engineer of the Great Ditch. He said
"No."In my judgment, M. Bunau-Varilla
went on, "will be the worst and
most precarious of canals, because made
with locks and lifts, instead of being cut at
sea-level, as recommended in 1906 by the
International Board, of whom five were
foreign engineers with immense experience
in the building of waterways and a con-
siderable number of the largest type."
Locks, it was pointed out, delayed trans-
it. The projected lifts were beyond the
limit of prudent design, and the gates
liable to damage from the greater ships.
Such were the warnings of eight out of the
thirteen engineers employed in the Ameri-
can survey. Yet the minority prevailed,
backed up by the U.S. Chief Engineer, Mr.
John S. Stevens.They gave five reasons for their opinion,
and of these the most effective was that a
lock canal could be built in half the time,
and for little more than half the cost of the
sea-level proposition. Mr. Tate, then War
Secretary, agreed with the minority:
"The time and cost of constructing such a
canal at sea level are in effect prohibitory."
It would take too long to trace the cooling
of a American ardor in this gigantic venture;
the continuous change of the Isthmian
staff, the clash of counsels, inevitable
"graft," dissension and noisy recombination.
There was yellow fever and black measles,
malaria and bubonic plague, smallpox and
Chagas fever.Bribery, red-tape, and utter demoral-
ization figured in secret official reports.
And those leaked out into the Press, to
the great anxiety of the President. Now
the American Press tends to levity when
bored, yet in its sarcasm shines many a
bitter truth. For which reason I give part
of the "Panama Primer," which lies
before me as I write:—What is the Panama Canal?—A hole
across the Isthmus, entirely filled with
money.Where did we get it?—W. N. Cromwell
kindly persuaded the French company to
sell it to us.
What did we get?—Forty million
dollars.Were they satisfied?—They were
astonished.What did Cromwell get?—The Senate
has been three years asking him.What did we get?—The Greatest
Engineering Feat of the Age.
But is it?—It would be, if we could
keep any engineers at work on it.
Have we anything else but the Canal?
We acquired the same—the home of the
Colliers Cut that swallowed our money.
Has the Canal any dams?—Several.
And all America'll be damming it before
long!Will the Gatun Dam ever be finished?
Yes, when the engineers make stone
it up on mud.What is the Rio Chagres?—A depraved
stream that goes on a foot every few
weeks and can't be converted.Which is the principal lock?—The
harmless lock which the whole project
has upon our Treasury.ERROR IN CONSTRUCTION!
To-day America is mute, frowning upon
fifteen years of this kind, but with the pro-TICKLING IN THE THROAT.
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by all Chemists and Storekeepers.blown always before her. Has an irre-
mediable error been made in the construction
of the Canal? The French engineer returned
an emphatic "Yes" when I put this ques-
tion to him."It is a lock canal," M. Bunau-Varilla
replied me again, "one dependent on the
stability of a soft clay dam, 2,300 metres
long. It was madness to adopt such a plan
in a land of earthquakes and furious floods.
Why, the Canal may disappear in a night,
leaving all America cursing the confusion
of ideas which has done all the mischief.
The sea level scheme would have united
the two oceans in nine years or so, and
given a free arm, two hundred metres
broad and fifteen deep at least, receiving
all the rivers of the Isthmus, including the
nearly Chagres.""No restriction or limitation, no elabo-
rate artificial works, dams, or locks which
an earthquake, or an explosion, could de-
stroy. For a millard of francs the United
States might have had an inter-oceanic
waterway, proof against all attacks of
Nature or of man."And now after all the hopes, all the
years of labour, with all resources of
science and machinery—steam shovels,
blasters, and drills—these ill-omened words
ring true.TWO AMERICAN CIVIL WAR
GENERALS DIE ON
SAME DAY.The last of the lawyers who prosecuted
the band that conspired to assassinate
President Abraham Lincoln, and the last
of the Corps Commanders of the Federal
Army in the Civil War died last month
on the same day.General Henry Lawrence Burnett suc-
cumbed in New York to arterio-sclerosis
in his seventy-eighth year. He was the
Government's chief prosecuting officer
against the men who aided John Wilkes
Booth in the plot that ended in the Great
Emancipator's death. The assassin "was
shot and killed by his pursuers."General Grenville Miller Dodge passed
away in Council Bluffs, Ia., in his eighty-
fourth year, from cancer. He succeeded
Sherman, to whom "war is
hell" is attributed, and who cut the
Confederacy in twain by his "march to
the sea," as president of the Society of
the Army of Tennessee, composed of
veterans of that campaign.General Burnett was born in Youngs-
town, O. He studied law, but in 1861
enlisted. In 1866 he was made Brigadier-
General. With General Hurl and Mr.
John A. Bingham, he presented the
conspirators against President Lincoln.He came to New York, where he was
made United States District Attorney
for the Southern District.General Dodge was born in Danvers,
Mass. He was a civil engineer and
entered the Union army as colonel of the
4th Iowa Infantry in 1861. He was a
Major-General in June, 1864. He was
chief engineer for the Union Pacific
Railway and, later of the Texas and
Pacific Railway. He was a member of
the 46th Congress, and succeeded General
Sherman as president of the Society of
the Army of Tennessee. He was
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mittee appointed to inquire into the
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DOCK COMPANY, LTD.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the HONGKONG & WHAMPOA
DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at
the Company's Office Queen's Buildings,
Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the
14th February, 1916, at 12 o'clock Noon,
when the submitted Extraordinary Resolu-
tion, which was passed at the Extraordinary
General Meeting of the Company held on
the 17th January, 1915, will be submitted
for confirmation as a special resolution.That the Regulations contained in the
printed document submitted to this meet-
ing and for the purpose of identification
submitted by the Chairman, and may be
amended as hereafter set out and that such
regulations so amended be and the same
are hereby approved and adopted as the
Articles of the Company in substitution for
and to the exclusion of all the existing
Articles thereof.The said amendments are:—
That Article 67 be amended by the
elimination of the words "the Chairman"
in line one thereof and by the substitution
of the word "three" for the word "five"
in line two thereof.That Article 82 be eliminated.
That the following words be added at
the end of Article 8: "But any such
appointment shall be subject to confirmation
by the Company at the next ordinary
yearly meeting."That paragraph (b) of Article 90 be
eliminated and the following paragraph
substituted thereof:—(b) A Director who is a member of, or a
Director of, or a member of the Consulting
Committee of, or otherwise interested in, a
Public Company which is interested in any
contract or arrangement brought up for
determination at any Meeting of the
Directors shall notwithstanding be entitled
to vote as a Director in respect of such
contract or arrangement provided:—(a) That he has disclosed his interest in
such Public Company before such
contract or arrangement is voted upon
by the Directors.(b) That the Public Company so interest-
ed is not a Company whereby a
private firm became incorporated, and
(c) That he is not a General Manager of
the Public Company in question and
that the firm in which he is a partner
or which he represents are not the
General Managers or General Agents of
such Public Company.Save as above provided no Director shall
as a Director vote in respect of any
contract or arrangement in which he is
interested and he do so vote his vote
shall not be counted.That Article 96 be amended by the
substitution of the word "five" for the
word "seven" in line four thereof.That the following new Article be in-
serted after Article 96:—"The Company may by Extraordinary
Resolution remove any Director
before the expiration of his term of
office and appoint another person in
his stead. The person so appointed
shall hold office during such time only
as the Director in whose place he is
appointed would have held the same
if he had not been removed."That the following words be added at
the end of paragraph (a) of Article
98:—"A Director who is entitled to vote (as
provided by Article 90 (b) notwith-
standing his interest is to be counted
in a quorum, but otherwise a Director
who is interested is not to be counted
in a quorum."That the words "to any regulations"
be eliminated from line seven of Article
107 and that the following words be sub-
stituted thereof: "such regulations as are
(if any) regulations as are" and that the
words "not being inconsistent with such
provisions or these presents" be eliminated
from lines eight and nine of Article 107.
That paragraph (p) of Article 108 be
eliminated.That Article 112 be eliminated and the
following Article substituted therefor:—

RESERVE FUND.

(a) The Directors declare, declaring a
dividend may with the sanction of the
Company in General Meeting set
aside out of the profits of the Com-
pany such sums as they think proper
as a reserve fund to meet con-
tingencies, or for equalizing divi-
dends, or for special dividends or for
repaying, improving and maintaining
any of the property of the Company
or for the augmentation of any exist-
ing reserve fund or for such other
purposes as they think conducive
to the Company's interests and may
with such sanction as aforesaid pay
out of the profits of the Company
such bonuses as they think fit to
those members who for the twelve
months covered by each profit and
loss account shall have contributed
business to the Company (but so that
no bonus to contributing members
for any twelve months shall exceed
fifteen per cent. of the net profits
made during those months).(b) The Directors may invest any sums
set aside as a reserve fund in such
investments (other than shares of the
Company) as they may think fit and
may from time to time deal with and
vary such investments.(c) The Directors may employ the reserve
fund for the time being or any
part thereof in or for any of the
purposes for which it or for which
such portion was created and in or
for such other purposes as the
Directors shall in their discre-
tion think conducive to the in-
terests of the Company and shall
have power to employ the assets
constituting the reserve fund or any
part thereof in the business of the
Company and that without being
bound to keep the same separate
from the other assets of the Company.(d) The Directors may also with the
sanction of the Company in General
Meeting employ the reserve fund for
the time being or any part thereof in
the payment of bonuses to members
whether the part of the reserve fund
so employed shall be set apart for
that special purpose or not."and that any necessary amendments to the
numbering of the proposed Articles be
carried out.

Dated the 2nd February, 1916.

By Order of the Board.

R. M. DYER,

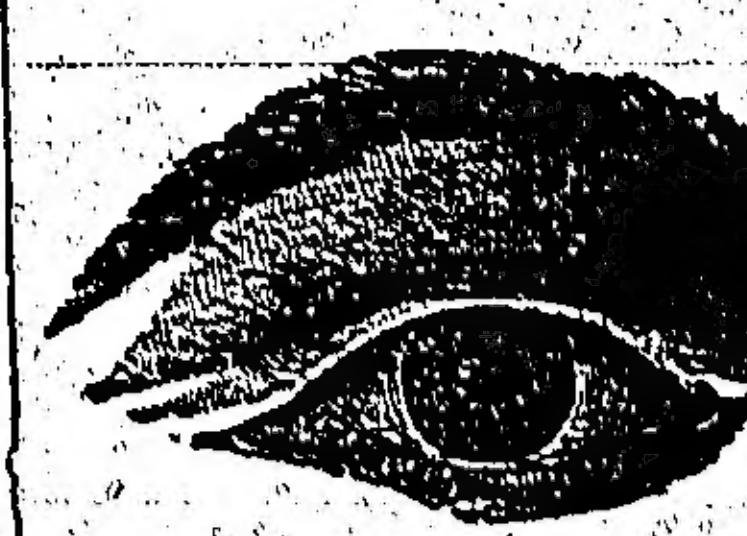
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LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS will be held in the Office of
Messrs. DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, on
MONDAY the 14th February, 1916, at
11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the
report of the General Managers together
with a statement of accounts to 31st
December, 1915.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 7th to 14th
February both dates inclusive.DODWELL & COMPANY LIMITED,
General Managers.

Hongkong, Jan. 31, 1916.

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THE ROWLOON LAND AND
BUILDING COMPANY LIMITED.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
TWENTY SEVENTH ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this
Company will be held at the COMPANY'S
OFFICES, VICTORIA, BUILDINGS, on
FRIDAY, 18th February, 1916, at Noon,
for the purpose of receiving the REPORT
of the DIRECTORS together with State-
ment of ACCOUNTS for the year ending
31st December, 1915.The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from FRIDAY,
11th to FRIDAY, 18th February, 1916
(both days inclusive), during which period
no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be
registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOLE,

Acting Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

Agents for

THE KOWLOON LAND AND
BUILDING CO., LTD.

Hongkong, Feb. 8, 1916.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the ORDINARY YEARLY MEET-
ING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this
Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL,
HONGKONG, on SATURDAY, the 19th day
of February, 1916, at Noon, for the pur-
pose of receiving the Report of the Board
of Directors together with a statement of
Accounts for the year ending the 31st
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THE DIARY.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Field Operations for H.K.V.C. and
H.K.V.R.

9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by S.S.
"Taishan".

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

St. Valentine's Day.

11 a.m.—Union Water Boat Co.
Meeting.

Noon.—Hongkong and Whampoa's Dock
Co's. Extraordinary Meeting.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, Feb. 18.

Noon.—Kowloon Land and Building
Co's. Meeting.

Election of a member to the Sanitary
Board.

SATURDAY, Feb. 19.

11 a.m.—Auction of Gold and Silver
Jewellery, etc., at Messrs. Hughes
and Hough's.

Noon.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank
Meeting.

SUNDAY, Feb. 20.

Volunteer Reserves: Field Operations.

Mon. 21, Tues. 22 & Wed. 23.—
Hongkong Jockey Club's Race Meeting.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, Feb. 12, 1916.

PEACE TALK.

THE announcement that Lord Curzon and Sir Douglas Haig had been appointed on a Special Mission to the King of the Belgians naturally excited much curiosity as to the purpose of the Mission. Obviously something of great moment was under consideration, but when it was suggested that the Mission was in connection with certain suggestions made by Germany to the King of Belgium for a restoration of peace between the two countries the story seemed scarcely credible. For what would Germany gain by Belgium's submission? And what would Belgium gain? According to the story which comes from Italy, Germany offers to the King of the Belgians the restoration of his country and a large indemnity, in return for economic and commercial privileges which will practically transform some of the Belgian ports, especially Antwerp, into German traffic centres. It should follow from the acceptance of these terms that all German troops would be immediately withdrawn, from Belgium—with the result that the *raison d'être* for Great Britain's intervention would disappear! That, we presume, is the idea underlying this proposal to Belgium. "These reports bear out the impression President Wilson's Special Envoy is stated to have derived from his visit to Berlin, namely that Germany is willing to discuss peace on the basis of the *status quo ante bellum*; but the Allies positively refuse to agree. Manifestly something more than the *status quo ante* must be demanded by the Allies and the war cannot end until it is secured." It is not sufficient that Belgium should be restored and compensated for the destruction of her cities and her industries, and for moral as well as all the material damage she has suffered. In the interests of Belgium and all the smaller, as well as the larger, nations of Europe, Germany must be rendered impotent for evil. Experience has proved that her signature to an international pledge is no guarantee that she will faithfully observe it while she deems herself strong enough to defy half the Powers of Europe. It has been well said that unless Europe is protected from the possibility of "frightfulness" triumphant—or even of "frightfulness" having waged a drawn battle with Liberty—Liberty ceases to exist. The terrible experiences of the past eighteen months have made it abundantly clear that the only ending to this war which will ensure a durable peace is such a defeat of the Teutonic military power as will enable the Allies to dictate such terms of peace as will absolutely deprive Germany of the power and ability to wage such another war. Germany knows that her doom is inevitable if her adversaries remain united, and while her sinister efforts to break up the combination make an interesting study, it has been made perfectly clear that they will not succeed in dissuading the Allies from their inflexible purpose.

It is now a very long time, says the "Bangkok Daily Mail," since a vessel flying the Stars and Stripes was regular visitor to Chinese waters. At the present time, when there has been so much talk as to the American flag being driven off the face of the Pacific, it is interesting to find that the American S.S. *Hondolung*, Captain Enrique Razon, now lying at Kowloon, has been chartered for twelve months by the Chinese Government to carry rice between this and China ports. She is of no deep draught to come up to Bangkok and is loading 2,500 bags of rice from the Seng Joo Tai mill.

The meteorological observations for month of January show that the rainfall for the month, as recorded at the Observatory amounted to 4.075 inches. Rain fell on nine days. At the Botanical Garden it was 4.74 inches on 5 days, at the Matilda Hospital, Mount Kellett, it was 5.90 inches on 4 days, and at the Police Station, Tai-po, it was 4.87 inches on 5 days. Though the mean temperature for the month was slightly above normal, the absolute minimum, 39° F., was the lowest ever recorded in January, except in 1893, when it was 32° F. on January 19th, and in 1900 when it was 37° F. on January 9th.

The Bishop of Victoria will, on Sunday, conduct the monthly service at the English Church, Macao, at 11 a.m.

The Ven. Archdeacon Bachelor is now staying in the Colony. He has been working among the Aino people in North Japan for the last forty years. He will be the preacher at St. Andrew's, Kowloon, on Monday (Sunday) morning. On Monday evening he is to address, in Japanese, a company of Japanese who are resident in the Colony.

The Bishop of Victoria will conduct a meeting for intercession at St. Paul's College on Tuesday next at 6 o'clock.

SHELL TRANSPORT DIVIDEND.

The directors of the Shell Transport and Trading Company, in announcing the distribution of an interim dividend of 10 per cent. free of tax, payable January 6 (this evening), the interim dividend (hitherto paid in the previous July and January) states that it is every reason to anticipate, when the completed results of 1915 are presented, that the results realized will not be inferior to those of the previous year. Owing very largely to the extension of areas operated by the company in various parts of the world, the prospects continue to be satisfactory. —Shipping Gazette.

DON'T RISK PNEUMONIA.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next Criminal Sessions are to be held on Monday the 28th inst.

A Chinese has been arrested in connection with a recent jewel robbery at Tai O.

The Hon. Mr. R. E. Pollock, K.C., has kindly presented a handsome trophy to the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Corps for Rife Shooting.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Sergeant-Major A. M. Thorahill to be Second Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve.

The Hon. Mr. C. Mallvaine Messer has been appointed a Member of the Licensing Board for a period of three years, with effect from the 2nd February, 1916.

The names of 52 Chinese midwives who have been duly certified under the Midwives Ordinance, 1915, appear in the current issue of the *Governments Gazette*.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Dr. G. P. Jordan to be Surgeon-Superintendent of the Special Police Reserve, with the rank of Deputy Superintendent.

Two more men have left the Colony this week for home with the intention of offering themselves for military service, viz., Mr. F. C. Hall, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., and Mr. H. G. Allan, of the China Sugar Refinery.

A Chinese male, aged 53 years, was sent to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday after assaulting an European lady and an officer of the Royal Garrison Artillery in the street. He is believed to be a dangerous lunatic.

A twenty days' old Chinese baby was drowned from a licensed fishing boat which was overturned in a gale encountered at 3.30 a.m. on February 9th near Pak Ma Tsai, Sailing district. The boatman, his wife and three children were thrown into the water, but all except the baby were saved.

A boy named John Anderson, living at 69 Bonham Road, was slightly injured yesterday afternoon while riding a bicycle along Caine Road, coming into collision at the corner by Glenaleigh with motor-car No. 26, and being thrown off his machine. The occupants of the car took him to the Government Civil Hospital, where his injuries were attended to, after which he was allowed to proceed home.

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COMPANY MEETINGS.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO.

SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING.

The ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd. was held at the Hotel to-day.

Dr. J. W. Noble, Chairman of the Directors, presided, withers pres at being Messrs. Ellis Kadoorie, J. W. C. Bonnar, F. Maitland (Directors), J. H. Taggart (Acting Secretary), Shen Po Shan, Fung Fat Hong, B. Wylie, E. M. Raymond, S. D. Somkh, W. Logan, Manuk, P. C. Potts, H. Percy Smith, D. K. Blair and F. B. L. Bowley.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts said—

"Gentlemen:—The report and accounts, together with the Auditors' certificate, having been in your hands for some days I will take them as read. This is, I think, the earliest date on which we have ever held this meeting: it is a fortnight earlier than last year. You will thus be in possession of your dividends sooner than you anticipated; they will, I trust be none the less welcome! The working account for the latter portion of 1915, which we call 'B'—as compared with the same period in 1914 is: 1914 'B' \$40,083.01; 1915 'B' \$56,423.44, an increase of \$16,408.43 for this period of six months. This has been accomplished notwithstanding the fact that the terrible cost of migration—the war—is still in progress in Europe. This war has been a great blow to all Eastern and Far Eastern Hotels, some of which have had to suspend the payment of all dividends, though in ordinary times it has been their custom to declare fat cows. We miss greatly the cheery face of the Globetrotter as he fills our Hotel to its full capacity, and though usually very careful of his expenditure, he leaves 'something' with us which reminds us that we have had 'paying guests'! We have been greatly handicapped by the rise in prices of all commodities and food-stuffs generally, which has increased the cost of operation greatly. One hundred thousand dollars worth of debenture bonds have been drawn and will be paid off on or before 1st August next. This was decided upon and advertised in July 1914 immediately preceding the commencement of the war, the outbreak of which caused your Directors to reconsider the position, and the matter has since then been in abeyance. The increasing popularity of our Hotel and Grill, together with economy and retrenchments, has enabled the Company during these bad times to show the increased profit on the working account which I trust you will under the circumstances, consider satisfactory. The 'Hotel Mansions' lease having expired, the Company have resumed possession of the premises and will, at least for the present, consider again in leasing them en bloc. Your Directors, as in the past, will continue to study the convenience and comfort of the patrons of the Hotel, hoping thus to still further increase its popularity to such an extent that the name, 'Hongkong Hotel' will stand for comfort, convenience, excellence. Your Board are at the moment converting the annex at the head of the main staircase into a 'Ladies' Palm Room' to be attached to the Grill. The lavatories and cloak rooms which formerly occupied this space, were removed some time ago, the roof was torn open and a large stained glass dome inserted to furnish light and air, a large stained glass dome was also constructed for the same reason. This also being now screened off with stained glass partitions which should make the room a very attractive and popular one, for the purpose for which it is intended. That the 'Grill' is a popular resort is a fact, evidenced by the greatly increased receipts therefrom. This increase is steady and progressive and the figures are gratifying to behold. That we now serve on an average one thousand meals a day, and that increased space, in time to accommodate guests, is from time to time necessary, should be all sufficient to stifle the whines of the unhappy, yet ever present, grumbler and growler. There are other and far more extensive alterations now under advisement and practically decided upon, which will increase the capacity without in any way detracting from the Hotel, as it is at present. The proposed alterations can be carried out at comparatively speaking, trifling cost. These alterations will add new bedrooms and suites, all with private baths attached, along the entire Queen's Road frontage. In conclusion, Gentlemen, let me remind you that this is our year of Jubilee. This Company was formed on March the 2nd 1866, and took over the 'Oriental Hotel' and the two adjoining buildings, as set forth in the original Articles of Association; 'Keying House and Marine House,' 'Ising Pedder's Street.' At that period the Staff numbered thirty-five, to-day it is over four hundred. The history of the Company shows good times and bad times, some indeed very hard times, which brought it to the verge of bankruptcy, the stock lacking buyers in the open market, at eight dollars per share; a very different position from the Company's present one. The stock was for many years a great medium of speculation; it is, I am pleased to think, no longer such, but rather an investment stock, in a strong financial position. I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be passed. Mr. W. Logan seconded, and the reports and accounts were unanimously adopted.

The confirmation of the re-election of Dr. J. W. Noble to a seat on the board was moved by Mr. E. M. Raymond, seconded by Mr. B. Wylie, and carried.

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie, the retiring director,

was re-elected on the motion of Mr. S. D. Somkh, seconded by Mr. Manuk.

The Auditors, Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., were re-elected as a remuneration of \$200 each on the proposition of Mr. P. C. Potts, seconded by Mr. Shen Po Shan.

Mr. H. Percy Smith said he would like to move a vote of thanks to the directors for the very satisfactory way in which the business had been conducted, as shown by the results laid before them that day, which were more remarkable in view of the continuance of the war, which had stopped tourist traffic to Hongkong. They were glad to see the Chairman back in his place.

Mr. H. Percy Smith said he would be glad to second that. He personally was delighted at the increased beauty and excellence of the hotel. Everyone remarked how different a place it was now and how pleased they were with the hotel.

Dr. J. Noble, replying to the vote, which was carried unanimously, said he was sure he could say, on behalf of the Board and the management, that they appreciated those remarks very much indeed.

HUMPHREY'S ESTATE LIMITED.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The ordinary annual general meeting of the Humphrey's Estate and Finance Co., Ltd. was held at the Hongkong Hotel to-day. Mr. Henry Humphrey, Chairman of Directors, presided, others present being Dr. J. Noble, Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar, J. Scott Hamilton and W. L. Paterson (Directors), and Messrs. M. Stafford Northcote, P. C. Potts, D. E. Clark, F. W. Stapleton, C. B. Byers, T. P. Hall, Capt. E. Fensholt and T. Rapp (Secretaries).

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the reports and accounts, said—Gentlemen, I propose with your permission to take the report and statement of accounts and auditors' report as read. The accounts, before you, I regret to say, compare unfavourably with previous years. The cause is not far to seek. A considerable number of our European tenants, British and alien, have left the Colony and their places have not been filled, with the result that our loss from unoccupied tenements is \$18,687.50 more than in 1914, a sum which accounts for nearly the whole of the difference in the profit of that year and the one under review. The debit to interest account has increased \$7,926.54 due to the expenditure on new flats in May Road and Kowloon. In this connection I would point out that rentals were only received for a few of these flats during the last two months of the year. Insurance Reserve Fund has increased \$2,761.35, which sum represents the fire insurance premium underwritten by ourselves during the year. Repairs are \$1,718.57 more than in 1914. The excess is less than the increase in cost of materials for work done. Enquiries for property during the year have been few and we have no sales to record. The immediate outlook, especially for European property, is not bright, though I do not doubt that when the war is over demand will once again overtake supply.

Mr. M. S. Northcote seconded, and the report and accounts were adopted.

The retiring directors—Messrs. J. Scott Hamilton, J. W. C. Bonnar, W. L. Paterson and Dr. J. W. Noble—were unanimously elected for the ensuing year on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. P. C. Potts.

The Chairman said before the election of auditors was moved he would like to make one or two remarks. The auditors thought, and the directors were inclined to agree, that their remuneration ought to be more than \$200 for the two, and the directors thought it might be increased to \$400.

Mr. W. E. Clark proposed, and Mr. C. B. Byers, seconded, that the retiring auditors, Messrs. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., be re-elected for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$200 each. The motion was carried.

THE VACANCY ON THE SANITARY BOARD.

We understand that two candidates have come forward for the vacant seat on the Sanitary Board.

Dr. H. G. Earle, M.A. Fellow of the Institute of Hygiene, Professor of Physiology at the Hongkong University, has been doubly nominated. On one nomination paper the candidate is proposed by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., and seconded by the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

On the second paper he is proposed by Dr. F. B. L. Bowley and seconded by Mr. Oswald Mottrick.

The other candidate is Dr. Ozorio, who is proposed by Mr. Leo d'Almeida and seconded by Dr. Dalmahey Allan.

BEWARE OF COLDS.

CHILDREN are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THE COMING RACES.

TODAY'S TRAINING TIMES.

Both courses were again used this morning and the going was good. There were no hurries. The air was clear and dry and the sky overcast.

The times taken were—

OLD PONIES.

ANTONY, late Sir Derek, Adams, 11, o. 34, 1.00, 1.30, 2.11.3, 2.47.3; last 1.33.

BRIGHTON, late Anzac, 1 mile, o. 53.2, 1.12.4, 1.46.1, 2.13; last 1.01.1.

ORANGE, 1 mile, o. 36.3, 1.15, 1.54, 2.27; last 1.33.

LORENZO, 1 mile, 1, 40, 1.13.2, 1.50.2; last 1.32.

MANCOTTE, Knoll, 11, o. 36, 1.13, 1.49, 2.23, 2.50; last 1.33.

FULAN CHIEF, 1 mile, o. 43.2, 1.28, 2.10.4, 2.47.3; last 1.36.1.

DURHAM CHIEF, (F.) 1 mile, o. 37.2, 1.11.2, 1.43.2; last 1.32.

AUTUMN CHIEF, (F.) 1 mile, o. 38.2, 1.12.2, 1.44.2; last 1.32.

BARODA CHIEF, 1 mile, o. 37, 1.12, 1.40, 2.17.4; last 1.31.4.

MATREY, 1 mile, 33, 1.00.4, 1.40.4; last 1.34.

SHAMBAO, Seth, 11, o. 40, 1.22, 2.00.3, 2.40, 3.10, 3.53.2, 4.20.3; last 1.50.1.

TRIUMPHANT DAME, 1 mile, o. 36.2, 1.12, 1.46, 2.13; last 1.30.

STANDARD DAME, (F.) 11, o. 40, 1.17.1, 1.53, 2.30, 3.05, 3.38, 4.12.2; last 1.42.

PERFECTION DAME, (F.) 1 mile, o. 34, 1.10, 1.43.1, 2.13; last 1.31.4.

THE DUCHE DAME, 11, o. 33, 1.08, 1.44, 2.19.4, 2.52; last 1.32.3.

FRANCE, 1 mile, o. 32, 1.07, 1.40.3, 2.18.2; last 1.32.4.

SANDWICH, late Suffolk, Boyd, 1 mile, 1, 36.2, 1.13, 1.43.3, 2.15.3; last 1.32.

GARNA GREEN, 1 mile, 1, 41, 1.21.2, 1.57.4, 2.23; last 1.31.3.

THE NIPPER, 1 mile, 1, 41.2, 1.21, 1.56, 2.23.3; last 1.30.2.

ROBERTS, late Roman Chief, Sedgwick, 11, o. 38, 1.23, 1.53, 2.30.2, 3.04; last 1.33.3.

RAYONER, late Ideal, Dahlie, Kramer, 1 mile, o. 38, 1.13, 1.47.2, 2.21.4; last 1.34.2.

DERBY GRIFFINS.

BIRDWOOD, 1 mile, o. 34.3, 1.07.4, 1.41.3, 2.13; last 1.32.2.

FIRELIGHT, 11, o. 37.2, 1.13.2, 1.50, 2.28.3, 3.01; last 1.32.2.

MOONLIGHT, 11, o. 38, 1.16, 1.58, 2.31, 3.00.4, 3.38; last 1.31.1.

DAYLIGHT, 11, o. 40, 1.15, 1.40, 2.23, 2.54.2; last 1.31.2.

KING JACK, 1 mile, o. 41.1, 1.21, 2.08.1, 2.51.3; last 1.32.2.

KING CHARLES, 11, o. 36, 1.10.2, 1.45, 2.17, 2.50; last 1.33.

PINGWING CHIEF, 11, o. 34, 1.08, 1.42, 2.15.2, 2.47.2; last 1.33.

CORNWALL CHIEF, 1 mile, o. 43, 1.22, 1.59, 2.30.2; last 1.31.2.

SHROPSHIRE CHIEF, (F.) 1 mile, o. 36.3, 1.13, 1.47; last 1.34.

ADVENTURE, Seth, 1 mile, o. 36, 1.12, 1.45, 2.16; last 1.31.

BUCKINGHAM DAME, 1 mile, o. 34, 1.08, 1.42, 2.15.1; last 1.32.4.

WISDOM DAME, (F.) 1 mile, o. 36, 1.12, 1.46.2, 2.17.1; last 1.30.4.

WIDOW DAME, (F.) 1 mile, o. 33, 1.09, 1.43, 2.15; last 1.32.

GIANT DAME, 1 mile, o. 35.2, 1.11, 1.45, 2.16; last 1.31.

PETER PHEASANT, Boyd, 1 last 1, 38, 1.07.1; last 1.31.1.

SMITH SMOKE, 1 mile, 1, 39, 1.16.2, 1.49.2, 2.22.1; last 1.32.4.

SANDY, 1 mile, 1, 38, 1.17.2, 1.51.1, 2.24; last 1.32.4.

LITTLE JACK HORNER, 1 mile, 1, 46, 1.23.2, 1.53.2; last 1.30.

MERRY ANDREW, 1 mile, 1, 38.3, 1.11, 1.44; last 1.33.

SNOWFLAKE, 11, o. 39, 1.14, 1.43, 2.23, 2.57.2, 3.31.2; last 1.34.

SPEAR, Knoll, 11, o. 40, 1.17, 1.53, 2.28.1, 3.03.2, 3.34.1; last 1.30.4.

GRIFFINS.

GEISHA DAME, (F.) 1 mile, o. 38, 1.15, 1.51, 2.24; last 1.33.

FELDMANSON, 1 mile, o. 36, 1.00.3; last 1.35.5.

GOOD TEMPER, 11, o. 41.2, 1.20, 1.57.2, 2.33.3, 3.00, 3.41.3; last 1.32.3.

SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS.

WARRIOR, 1 mile, o. 38, 1.12, 1.46.3, 2.20.3; last 1.34.

WHITE EAGLE, Seth, 1 last 1, o. 33, 1.07.2

THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BELGIUM'S SCORN OF PEACE OFFERS.

WILL FIGHT AS LONG AS BRITAIN.

London, Feb. 11. Reuter's Agency is informed by a Belgian diplomat that Germany has made more than one offer of peace to Belgium, directly and indirectly, and possibly more will be made. The answer will always be the same. Belgium is prepared to fight as long as Great Britain fights. Anything else is unthinkable.

BELGIAN TROOPS IN EAST AFRICA.

REFUSES FOR GERMANS.

London, Feb. 11. Reuter is officially informed that Belgian troops are admirably co-operating with the other forces in German East Africa, which they have invaded from the West. Fighting is progressing and they have already repulsed the Germans in numerous actions, often in co-operation with the Rhodesian forces.

GREECE'S FIRM NEUTRALITY.

ATTAINS FEB. 11.

The Premier in the Chamber re-asserted the determination of Greece to abide by her neutrality at all costs.

A Deputy pointed out that the Government's policy was exciting the suspicions of the Entente Powers, but the Chamber, with six dissentients, passed a vote of confidence.

THE CANADIAN FIRE.

INVESTIGATION OPENED.

OTTAWA, FEB. 11.

The investigation into the fire at the Parliament buildings was opened before Commissioner Pringle, who referred to German incendiaries in the United States, and said it was time for Canada to awake, or there would be a greater disaster.

FURTHER OUTRAGES THREATENED.

QUEBEC, FEB. 11.

The Government officials have received letters threatening to blow up the Ross rifle factory and the Parliament buildings.

CATTLE FOR GERMANY.

AMSTERDAM, FEB. 11.

It is estimated that 10,000 cattle from the flooded districts have been sent to Germany.

GERMAN EDITOR SENT TO PRISON.

INCITING CLASS HATRED.

AMSTERDAM, FEB. 11.

The Editor of the *Voorwaerts* has been sentenced to imprisonment for a week for "inciting class hatred." The prosecutor demanded a sentence of 15 months.

FALL IN OIL FREIGHTS.

UNEXPECTED INCREASE IN TONNAGE.

LONDON, FEB. 11.

There has been a sharp fall in American oil freights, from \$5 to \$4 per ton, due to the appearance of unexpected tonnage, which is expected to reduce the price of petrol.

ENGLISH RACE FIXTURES CANCELLED.

LONDON, FEB. 11.

All race meetings have been cancelled, with the exception of the Newmarket fixtures, three extra meetings at Newmarket (two in June and one in September), and also those at Gatwick, Lingfield, Newbury and Windsor, each with three fixtures.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, FEB. 11.

The death is announced of Brigadier-General Charles Westmoreland, C.B.

Deceased served in China in 1900, winning the medal and being mentioned in dispatches. He had previously served in the Afghan war, Burma, etc.

KING'S GOOD RECOVERY.

VISITING WOUNDED AGAIN.

LONDON, FEB. 11.

The King is on the high road to recovery and has resumed his visits to the wounded.

"NOTHING TO REPORT."

PARIS, FEB. 11.

A communiqué states that there is nothing to report.

TSAR AT THE FRONT.

PETROGRAD, FEB. 11.

The Tsar has left for the front.

THE "LUSITANIA" SETTLEMENT.

VIGOROUS CRITICISM IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, FEB. 11.

The Government Press is silent but the Republican Press denounces the Lusitania settlement, accusing President Wilson of endeavouring to commit the country to the principle that the national honour is unworthy of defending.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

ENEMY TO TREAT ARMED MERCHANTMEN AS WARSHIPS.

LONDON, FEB. 11.

Germany and Austria have notified neutrals of their intention to treat armed merchantmen as warships after the 1st March.

AMSTERDAM, FEB. 11.

Germany, in a Memorandum handed to neutral representatives in Berlin, declares that though she considers the arming of merchantmen contrary to International Law, she treats the crews as belligerents, not as pirates. She asserts that there have been numerous cases of British merchantmen, by or of the Admiralty, attacking German warships, repeatedly using false colours. Therefore, Germany warns neutrals against voyaging in armed Allied merchantmen.

AIR RAIDER'S TARGETS.

GIRLS' SCHOOL AND TRAMCAR FULL OF NON-COMBATANTS.

LONDON, FEB. 10.

The first aviator who raided the Kentish coast on Wednesday selected a tram-car full of women and children as a target, but the bomb did no damage and did not create a panic. The raider was plainly seen circling round. Three bombs were dropped in an adjoining field.

The second raider selected a large girls' school. A bomb exploded in an upper story, and created some material damage. Portions of the ceiling fell on a class of small children. One little girl had her foot cut, and a maid was slightly injured. Three bombs fell in the school grounds, doing no damage. Two other bombs caused material damage. One woman was wounded.

Naval and military aeroplanes ascended within a few minutes of sighting the raiders, but they were unable to overtake the seaplanes owing to the precipitate nature of their flight.

FIERCE LOCAL FIGHTING ON WESTERN FRONT.

STRONG ENEMY ATTACK DEFEATED.

PARIS, FEB. 10.

Today's communiqué says that there has been fierce local fighting in Artois. We re-occupied more ground at La Folie.

The Germans at nightfall made a strong attack on the Neuville-La Folie Road, which was repulsed. We took some prisoners in the region of the Somme, and also two quick-firers.

PARIS, FEB. 11.

The evening communiqué says:—We continued to progress in Artois by bombing communication trenches west of La Folie. Two German attacks west of Hill 140 were completely repulsed. The Germans exploded a mine north of the Neuville-Thelus road. We occupied the crater.

A party of the enemy attempted an attack south of the Somme. They were immediately driven back to their trenches by a curtain of fire.

Our artillery destroyed a blockhouse in the Beaurains district, bombarded enemy cantonments, and carried out a destructive fire on the works at Menin, in Champagne, and the Forest of Montmorency in the Wever.

The Germans, on two previous days, threw heavy shells from long range into the Belfort fortress, but only two had been fired when our artillery concentrated their fire on the enemy battery which was located on Wednesday, simultaneously bombarding military establishments south-west of Mulhausen.

BRITISH AIR RAID.

LONDON, FEB. 11. General Sir Douglas Haig reports that 18 aeroplanes successfully raided enemy posts at Tarnant. Hostile artillery has been active at Fouquervillers and elsewhere. The enemy exploded a mine north-east of Giverny but caused no damage. There was mutual shelling south of Bois Grenier. We engaged enemy batteries at St. Julien.

ENEMY FORCES IN PERSIA DEFEATED.

PETROGRAD, FEB. 11. A communiqué states that large enemy forces were defeated south of Hamadan, in Persia.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE HILLS NEAR ROVNO.

PETROGRAD, FEB. 11. A communiqué says that there have been active artillery and rifle duels on the Riga front. The Russian guns were most effective in wrecking enemy works. The Russians, between Rovno and Lutsk, captured two hills at the point of the bayonet and repulsed counter-attacks.

GREEKS DISPERSE BULGARS.

PARIS, FEB. 10. An Athens telegram says that a Greek detachment dispersed a band of Bulgarian comitadjis at Soro on the 8th inst. and took many prisoners, including the leader.

ANTI-GERMAN AGITATION IN TORONTO.

TORONTO, FEB. 10. The anti-German agitation is rapidly spreading.

EDITOR OF "VORWAERTS" PROSECUTED.

AMSTERDAM, FEB. 10. Dr. Meyer, Editor of the *Voorwaerts*, is being tried on a charge of inciting class hatred.

AMERICAN WAR MINISTERS RESIGN.

WASHINGTON, FEB. 11. Mr. Garrison, the Secretary for War, has resigned. It is understood that the Minister has resigned because a large majority of Congress is opposed to his plan for a Continental Army.

THE "TEXAS" AT QUEENSTOWN.

LONDON, FEB. 10. The Swedish steamer *Texas*, which was reported to be making for Queenstown on fire, has arrived at that port on fire in the No. 3 hold.

FRENCH PREMIER'S MISSION TO ITALY.

IMPRESSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS. ROME, FEB. 10. There were impressive demonstrations on the occasion of the visit of M. Briand.

The French Premier was welcomed by M. Salandra and other Ministers. Immense crowds gathered, despite the rain. The visit was accorded military honours.

M. Briand's mission to Italy is most important, and is expected to result in the Italian sending troops to Salonika, the establishment of a common diplomatic Council of the Allies, setting in Paris, and the participation of Italy in the manufacture of munitions.

CZERNOWITZ THREATENED.

ENEMY FEARS. PETROGRAD, FEB. 10. The Russians, by forcing a passage across the Dniester, threaten the enemy position at Czernowitz.

According to prisoners, the desperate defence of Czernowitz by the Germans and Austrians, who suffered enormous losses, was due to an Army Order declaring that the fall of Czernowitz would cause Rumania to join the Entente.

RUSSIAN DESTROYERS ACTIVE.

PETROGRAD, FEB. 11. A communiqué says that Russian destroyers in the Black Sea bombarded Turkish positions on the Anatolian coast and sank seven sailing ships.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, FEB. 10. The silver report states that the market is inactive, and supplies are very restricted.

A WOUNDED OFFICER'S IMPRESSIONS.

What are my impressions on my return to England? (writes an officer, home wounded from the Dardanelles). Firstly, that the real sufferers are the women who are left behind, bravely waiting for news of those dear to them who are missing, or bearing up under irremediable loss of one who has gone. Secondly, the lethargy of those eligible men who have not yet joined the great army of volunteers. Oh, if they could only realise what I have seen, and understand! I have faced death on countless occasions—I, who am of a peaceful nature, have been through hell; yet I would not have missed one of these moments for anything in this life.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MR. REDMOND'S APPEAL FOR RECRUITS.

LONDON, FEB. 11.

In a speech at a recruiting conference at Dublin, Mr. Redmond appealed to the farmers on the ground that if the war be much longer there would be crushing taxation, while a victorious Germany would confiscate their land.

Mr. Redmond suggested County Farmers' Battalions. Active support is promised for this suggestion.

RUSSIAN OPERATIONS IN PERSIA.

TURKISH AMBASSADOR ARRESTED.

PETROGRAD, FEB. 11.

A telegram from Tashkent reports that Cossack patrols arrested near Kerendji, four Europeans, two of whom have been identified—one being the Turkish Ambassador in Persia, the other the Austrian Military Attaché.

THE VANISHED DREAM OF GERMANY.

LONDON, FEB. 11.

A banquet has been given in honour of M. Renkin, the Belgian Colonial Minister.

In a notable speech M. Renkin said Belgium had sacrificed herself for her plighted word. The responsibility for hostilities in Central Africa rested entirely on Germany, who had dreamt of creating a vast Colonial Trans-African Empire at the expense of Belgium. To-day that dream had vanished. Everywhere the forces of the Allies were sweeping over German territory.

Mr. Bonar Law, who presided, paid a tribute to the heroic Belgians and emphasised that the end of the war would not come till Belgium's wrongs were avenged.

BULGARIA AND THE WAR.

FIGHTING ONLY FOR HERSELF.

AMSTERDAM, FEB. 11. The Bulgarian Minister of War in an interview emphasised that Bulgaria is fighting only for herself, and that as soon as the Salonika campaign is finished, the war would be over for Bulgaria.

THE CAMEROONS CAMPAIGN.

OVER 4,000 GERMANS TO BE INTERNED.

MADRID, FEB. 11. The German soldiers for internment in Spain, from the Cameroons, now number 2,600, and with their families they total over 4,000.

ARMED MERCHANTMEN.

THE GERMAN THREAT.

LONDON, FEB. 11. The German threat to treat armed merchantmen as belligerents is regarded as involving no practical change, inasmuch as the Austrians and Germans already torpedoed merchantmen without warning.

It is thought the object of the Note is to justify further outrages in the eyes of neutrals.

TURKEY'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

AMSTERDAM, FEB. 11. The report of the Turkish Minister of Finance shows a deficit in the coming year of £14,000,000 (Turkish). Austria and Germany are advancing 34½ millions.

FRENCH PREMIER'S VISIT TO ITALY.

ROME, FEB. 11. The *Giornale d'Italia* says Mr. Briand's visit will tend to the closer unity of the Entente Powers. If the enemies of the Entente hope for dissensions they will be terribly deceived.

A FORTY YEARS' TEST.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy has been curing coughs and colds for the last forty years and has gained in popularity every year. White batten recommendation is required. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

THE REVOLT IN CHINA.

YUNNANESE CAPTURE LUCHOW.

SHANGHAI, FEB. 11.

Yunnanese troops have captured Luchow (Szechuan).

Writing on January 22nd from that city a correspondent of the "N.C. Daily News" said:—

We are in the throes of another Revolution. The Yunnanese are said to have come across this Szechuan border and taken Suifu, which is the next big city to our's up the Yangtze. Our Peking ("Northern") troops went out to meet them fearing they were cupping hands, but went only eighty li and returned. It is reported they have suffered a small defeat on account of the Yunnanese knowing the roads better, and being shod with straw sandals, able to cover the distances quicker than the northern men, who are shod with leather shoes.

Here we are imitating modern warfare! Coolies are commandeered to dig trenches outside the city, and this morning a pontoon bridge is just thrown over the small river as a quick substitute for the ferry boat. Yesterday Taiching (salt wells district) was reported to have fallen to the Yunnanese, and this morning we hear Taichow has gone over. These are two inland cities north of Luchow, so it seems the Yunnanese are making northwards rather than coming down river and capturing our honourable city. We do not anticipate much resistance when the enemy arrives for some of our military are just waiting events, to see which side we are on, as one of them said to the missionary doctor here.

The China Red Cross Society, whose Head Office is in Shanghai, has been quite busy in engaging the services of the medical missionaries, and their hospitals as base hospitals, thus early in the day, anticipating a serious movement, no doubt. If the Yunnanese continue their northward march (possibly to the capital, Chengtu), of course we shall be left alone. The city is full of military men, but there is no panic. Sentries are guarding each city gate, and are examining all who leave and enter, and for a night or two the city police repeated the tea-hops to close their doors. Otherwise things are going on normally.

STONE WHEELS AS MONEY AT YAP.

"CURRENCY" WHICH NEED NOT SHIFT.

In the Island of Yap, among the Caroline Islands, which passed by purchase from Spanish to German sovereignty after the Spanish-American war, and now into the possession of Great Britain by capture, stone money called "Fai" is used as a medium of exchange.

It consists, according to the annual bulletin report of Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co., of large, solid thick stone wheels, ranging in diameter from 1 to 12 in., having a central hole through which a pole can be inserted so as to convert the inert mass into "currency."

The value represented by the stone increases naturally with its size, and the limestone of which the "Fai" is composed is of fine white grain to be considered good delivery. Yet there seems to be no real necessity for delivery at all, for it is customary to earmark the money, as it were, and leave it in its old position outside the first owner's hut, an excellent provision, considering the bulkiness of the material. The owner for his part being possessed, meanwhile, power to wield the influence which attached to this visible display of wealth.

Indeed, he did not lose this power even if the "Fai" were immovable, for it is said that an exceptionally fine "Fai" was lost at sea, whilst in transit upon a raft from the place of manufacture, and it was decided that the mere drop overboard was too trifling a detail to interfere with its marketable worth, and the owner continued to retain the potential value which its ownership conveyed.

A PANTOMIME CONTRATEMPS.

"Dagobert" tells a good story in the "Palace" of an unworldly incident of one of Wilson Barrett's provincial theatres, when the scenic artist had painted a glorious transformation scene for the pantomime, one of the good old-fashioned sort that used to take about twenty minutes to develop. The first scene of the transformation was a front cloth representing the Land of Morning Mist. Behind this another cloth was hidden representing the Land of Merriment, and then the scenes of bright and glowing beauty followed. On Evening Night, the night of the first production, everybody concerned expected that the transformation as it unfolded would be received with frantic applause. But there was dead silence and then a lot of hooting and hissing. The stage manager, who was in the wings, rushed round to the front to see what was the matter. He was not long in finding out. There was one of those accidents which will occasionally happen in the best regulated theatres. The front cloth had not been raised.

To-day's Advertisements

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E. J. NORONHA.

Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, Feb. 12, 1916. 112

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